

**“We are each a story”  
is the title of Museum Director  
Schroeder’s presentation on February 13  
at the Academy luncheon**

By  
**Jack David Arnold, Ph.D.**

Last December I mentioned to a group of visitors to the Spanish Cove Retirement Village in Yukon that I had invited Charles P. “Chuck” Schroeder to speak at the February 13, 2012, luncheon. A gentleman in the group said, “Please let me write down that time, date, and place before we go any farther, Jack David. I will go anywhere to hear Chuck speak again.” I share those sentiments with the gentleman.

Mr. Schroeder is no stranger to the Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP) at Southern Nazarene University (SNU). I first heard him speak at an ASP luncheon meeting circa 2005 and then again at the ASP-sponsored Senior Adult Conference in May 2011.

**Mr. Charles P. “Chuck” Schroeder**



In his February 13, 2012, *Power-Point* presentation, Mr. Schroeder’s principle theme will be that the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum is a storytelling institution. The story of any place or time is really the story of the people who lived there or then. However, just as we are fascinated with the big stories, we should recognize that each person we meet is a walking story, filled with its own unique adventures and life lessons that contribute to the story of a culture of a nation.

Mr. Schroeder is a native of western Nebraska ranch country and who now serves as the President of the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. New to the museum in 2002, he has held other leadership positions in the public, private, and non-profit sectors, most recently as the Chief Executive Officer of the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association. He is a graduate of the University of Nebraska with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science and later returned to his alma mater as the Executive Vice-President of the University of Nebraska Foundation, following a term as Nebraska’s Director of Agriculture.

He is currently on the boards of the Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce, Museums West, the Oklahoma State Fair, Rotary Club 29, Sirloin Club of Oklahoma, and an advisory board for the Oklahoma Arts Institute. Previous volunteer leadership roles include terms as chairman of the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching, president of the Heartland Center for Leadership Development, chairman of the Beef Industry Food Safety Council, and a founding board member of the Rural Policy Research Institute and Agriculture Future of America. He has also served as a member for the International Stockmen’s Education Foundation and Payne Education Center.

Special recognitions include the Oklahoma Humanities Council Community Leadership Award, the National Cowboy Symposium Western Museum Award, the Nebraska University College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Alumnus Award, the Ak-Sar-Ben Agricultural Achievement Award, and inclusion in *Who’s Who in the Western Livestock Industry*.

Mr. Schroeder is an active team roper, and his interests span American Quarter Horses, art, rodeo, political history, and livestock genetics among other facets of the American West. He is married to Kathi, a high school special education instructor in Edmond, Oklahoma. They have one daughter, Lindsay Hastings, a Ph.D. candidate in Higher Education Leadership at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and Executive Director of the Nebraska Human Resources Institute, as well as being the mother of their granddaughter, Lillian Grace Hastings.

All persons interested in attending the February 12, 2012 ASP luncheon meeting which begins at 11:00 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the Webster Commons should contact Mrs Linda Carley at 405.728.0515 or [donlincarley@prodigy.net](mailto:donlincarley@prodigy.net) before Thursday February 9. All ASP members will be contacted by telephone or email.

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### Your President's Point of View Loving Deeds by Emmalyn German

As we mature into these retirement years, the experiences of losing loved ones are beginning to mount up. Sometimes our loss is sudden and unexpected; while at other times the grieving process begins while our loved one is still living because they have dementia or Alzheimer's disease. There are so many questions to answer about how to care for them, and what the process will be like. We dare not look forward because the struggles we face each day are enough, and we can't imagine what the future will hold for us.

While these are sad times, sometimes they hold very humorous situations. One such experience happened in our family when it was time to take my husband's father from his home in the Philadelphia area down to a secure home for Alzheimer's patients near my brother in law's home in Florida. Clarence had three sons, Paul, the oldest, Bob, the middle son, and Dale, the youngest, and my husband.

My father-in-law had always had a short fuse, and was quite intimidating to nearly everyone he met. Once he had a waitress so befuddled that she poured salad dressing into his coffee. If someone younger than him made the mistake of calling him by his first name he might never speak to that person again. Once while transporting him across town he tried to escape the car while it was still in motion, and that situation was very dangerous for all concerned. When we discovered that Dad had dementia it was difficult for us to find a comfortable place for him, but it was definitely unsafe for him to remain at home by himself. For these reasons and a few more, Paul thought it would be best to sedate Dad for the move from Philadelphia to Florida as he would not go willingly, and would likely be very difficult to handle. It took Paul quite a while to find a doctor who was willing to give him a prescription for this, but when he finally found one and had the prescription in hand the time had come to make the transition.

Paul traveled from his home in the Boston area, and Dale flew in from Portland, Oregon and they all met

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## From The Director's Corner

by Eunice Trent, Director of ASP

Tom L. Ward, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of SandRidge Energy, Inc. to speak on **Thursday, February 9, 2012** at the Peer Learning Network (PLN) 3<sup>rd</sup> session of the 2011-2012 year. **The PLN will be held at The Petroleum Club, Downtown, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 3400, Oklahoma City, OK.**

Tom L. Ward has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Sandridge Energy, Inc. since June 2006. Prior to this, he served as President, Chief Operating Officer, and a Director of Chesapeake Energy Corporation from the time he co-founded the company with Aubrey K. McClendon in 1989 until February of 2006. In 2000, Mr. Ward and his son, Trent, co-founded White Fields, Inc., a home for severely abused and neglected boys.



Mr. Ward graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1981 with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Petroleum land management. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana, the Board of Trustees for the World Golf Foundation and a member of the Economic Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

Cost to attend the February 9, 2011 Peer Learning Network session for Academy of Senior Professional members is \$15.00. **For this particular PLN session, you will need to provide your own transportation.**

Registration is available online <https://webapps.snu.edu/secure/pln/> or you may see Eunice Trent, Director for The Academy of Senior Professionals. **Payment is due upon registration.**

Please feel free to contact Eunice with any questions you may have.

E-mail: [etrent@smu.edu](mailto:etrent@smu.edu). Phone#: 405.491.6311.

## Upcoming April Peer Learning Network:

**What:** The April PLN session will take the place of our April monthly luncheon.

**When:** Thursday, April 12, 2012

**Where:** The Petroleum Club, 100 N. Broadway, Suite 3400, Oklahoma City, OK.

**Speaker:** Pamela Meyer, founder and CEO of Simpatico Networks. Learn more about Pamela Meyer at [www.liespotting.com](http://www.liespotting.com).

**Cost:** \$15.00 ASP will provide one bus to transport members.

## ASP "Trek" Time

By Pat Perry



**Hi Everyone,**  
I hope everyone who joined us for a tour of the Myriad Gardens enjoyed themselves, I know I did. Several people have mentioned to me the possibility of visiting the Oklahoma Heritage Association & Gaylord Pickens Museum, so that is where we will go in March. Mark your calendars for Wednesday, March 21. We will meet in the Sawyer parking lot around 10 am and will carpool over there. The cost is \$2.50 for seniors and I'll try to find a place to have lunch afterward. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting.

**Please don't forget that we have a great Fall Foliage Cruise out of NYC to New England and Canada. There will be photography seminars by a professional to help you learn how to get better photos from your camera. Come join us!!**



**Pat Perry 373-4157**





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at the Philadelphia airport and planned to drive from there overnight to Florida to the new home. When Paul gave Dad the first pill it was on the ruse that it was for his swollen ankles. Dad was asleep in ten minutes, so Paul gathered together all of Dad's summer clothes and packed the suitcase into the car for the trip south. Paul left Dad sleeping in the car while he went into the airport to meet Dale, but the plane from Portland was an hour late, and when they returned to the car Dad was gone. After a few moments of panic, they found him wandering around in the parking garage, and then they were on their way.

Dad was confused, of course, and did not know where he was going. He would never have willingly left his home in such a manner, but the boys assured him that they were going to Florida to meet their brother Bob. So Dad finally slept and the miles crept by.



When they were about half way to their destination the medicine began to wear off, and the hunger pangs began taking their toll. So they all decided to stop for a bite to eat at one of the round restaurants in the middle of the freeway. The three men all ordered BLT sandwiches and then the issue was how to give Dad his next sedation. Dale was elected to place the pill in Dad's sandwich while Dad said grace for the meal. So far things were going well, but I wish I could have been there to see the faces of Paul and Dale when Dad chose to stick his fork down in his sandwich, and turn it over to eat it off his fork! Fortunately the pill did not fall out, and they were able to finish their meal without incident. When Dad started to get sleepy again Paul and Dale decided it was time to get Dad to the car. They helped him up and with great care assisted him to the door, one on each arm. But to their horror, when they exited the restaurant the car was gone from the parking lot! They were not sure what to do next as they both felt like they were kidnapping their Dad against his will, and this would be hard to explain to a policeman. They turned back into the restaurant to think things over, and then discovered there was another exit and the car was right where they left it after all. Dad got settled into his new home in Florida, and brother Bob visited him often there, did his laundry,



## ASP Calendar

### Monday: February 13, 2011

9:00-11:00 a.m. Shuttle Service from the Sawyer Center lot (41st and Donald) to the Webster Commons

9:30—10:30 a.m. Morning Seminar in the Tullis Room. (Webster Commons 1st Floor)

11:00-a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Luncheon Meeting in the Heritage Room

1:00—1:30 p.m. Shuttle Service to the Sawyer Center parking lot

1:15—2:15 p.m. Administrative Council Meeting

and all was well. But we will never forget the humor of Dad's trip to Florida.

I love this little poem that was given to my mother in India.

“Build a little fence of trust . . . around today  
Fill the space with loving deeds . . . and therein stay.  
Look not through the sheltering bars . . . upon  
tomorrow  
God will help you bear what comes . . . of joy or  
sorrow.”

### The ASP Arm of Service

By

Renda Brumbeloe -President Elect



This is a partial report of your Strategic Planning Committee. We do well representing SNU, our community and city which is our passion and reason for existence.

We have discussed your expressed interest in the “Bethany After School Program”. Some of you have been involved in this highly successful and needed program for several years. With budget restrictions this year's work study scholarships are severely limited (less than five are now funded, down from twenty). However, volunteer workers have always carried a substantial service ministry and the program has flourished.

There is a need for short limited projects of three weeks or less from our professional and skilled membership. Projects include, group games, table games, recreational and gym sports, story telling, reading skills, crafts, and cookies . . . refreshments, just to name a few.

We are developing a team leadership and curriculum from our membership to meet and interface with this arm of service to our educational and service goals. Your interest and proactive participation is desired and welcomed.

“Start by doing what's necessary, then what's possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – Francis of Assisi



## JANUARY ASP LUNCHEON

Clockwise: SNU student, Elizabeth Fairchild, Member, Cheri Welch, Visitors, Karen Humble, Ted Withrow, Janette Calloway, Don Blose, Paul Matthews, Donita Brown. James Long presents Renda Brumbeloe with very old hymnal







## A Membership Perk

*By Paul Scheie*

Members of the Academy of Senior Professionals have the privilege of using the resources of the Southern Nazarene University library. This includes materials in the library as well as accessing numerous external databases from your personal computer without even leaving home!



The extent of these external sources is quite impressive, and means that searches one might wish to undertake are not restricted to Google and Wikipedia.

However, it does require, 1) that you get some elementary instructions as to how to proceed, and 2) that you obtain a proper SNU ID with an IT (Information Technology) number.

The February 13 Morning Seminar, beginning at 9:30 a.m., will be devoted to demonstrating how to connect your computer to the library's computer, and then how to do the searches.

Dr. Arlita Harris, director of the University Library, will conduct this seminar. Dr. Harris has a B.S. degree in English from the Illinois State University, an M.S. in library science from the University of Illinois, and the Ph.D. in public administration from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Probably more to the point, she has extensive experience in showing students how to do what she will demonstrate for you. Check out her column in this publication for more details.

To obtain a proper SNU ID card, obtain an IT number from Eunice Trent, director of ASP, after which you can take the number to the room across the hall from our seminar room in Webster Commons where they will issue you a card.



## LIBRARY NEWS

### SNU RESOURCES

*By Arlita Harris*

Before you come to the February 13 Morning Seminar, contact Eunice Trent (405-491-6311 or [etrent@snu.edu](mailto:etrent@snu.edu)) to update your SNU ID card (or get one for the first time). Take the information she gives you to Sallye Siems in the Student Development Office across the hall from the Tullis Room to get your card with an updated bar code. If you've had a card that isn't updated, she can even use your "younger" photo on the new one! If you already have an updated SNU ID card, just check the bar-code to make certain there is a number that begins with 2303 printed under the barcode. Then you'll know that the library's databases will work for you.

During the Monday Seminar, which begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Tullis Room on the first floor of the Webster Commons, I'll be showing you how to use the SNU Library's website at [www.snu.edu/library](http://www.snu.edu/library). You'll learn how to check on the materials which the library owns so you can go to the shelves and find it when entering the library. You'll learn how to find articles in the library's databases, then save future articles in a folder that you can access at any time. I'll even show you how to read current journals online and be notified when they are available.

We'll also look at ways to plan for your vacations and prepare for international visitors through resources such as Culturegrams and Virtual Tourist. Through Lexis Nexis, you can find out a company or stock you are tracking or you can read newspapers from other cities and countries and research countries and people.

There are links to free e-books, free video resources, and a vast amount of other information, all included in your \$16 per year ASP membership which gives you SNU Library privileges.

I look forward to meeting with you on Monday, February 13, in the Tullis Room, 1st floor of Webster Commons, at 9:30 a.m.

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